

City of Deer Park
Regular Council Meeting
Student Government Night
City Municipal Building

March 23, 2009

President of Council Pat McGoron opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a prayer.

Laura Kleinfelter, Student Clerk of Council, read the roll. Mr. Allen, Ms. Otting, Mr. Comer, Ms. Applebaum, Mr. Diehm, Ms. Knueven, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pettyjohn, Mrs. Hedger, Ms. Christerson, Mr. Rapp, Ms. Proctor, Mr. Tegenkamp and Ms. Powell. All councilmembers were present.

Student Councilwoman Jenny Applebaum made a motion to accept the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of March 9, 2009. Seconded by Student Councilwoman Keri Christerson. Motion passed by a unanimous voice-vote.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance

Ms. Applebaum asked the Clerk to read Ordinance #09-06 by title only.

ORDINANCE #09-06 - AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATION FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. So read. Ms. Applebaum moved that the 3 reading rule be suspended.

Seconded by Ms. Christerson. Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote. Ms. Applebaum moved that Ordinance #09-06 be adopted. Seconded by Ms. Christerson. ORDINANCE #09-06 was hereby adopted by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Ms. Christerson asked the Clerk to read Ordinance #09-07 by title only.

ORDINANCE #09-07 - ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR REIMBURSING PROPERTY OWNERS FOR SIDEWALK REPAIRS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. So read.

Ms. Christerson made a motion to waive the 24-hour notification rule. Seconded by Ms. Applebaum. Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote. Ms. Christerson moved that the 3 reading rule be suspended. Seconded by Ms. Applebaum. Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote. Ms. Christerson moved that Ordinance # 09-07 be adopted. Seconded by Ms. Applebaum. ORDINANCE #09-07 was hereby adopted by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Mr. Pettyjohn asked the Clerk to read Resolution #09-08 by title only.

RESOLUTION #09-08 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR STUDENT GOVERNMENT NIGHT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. So read.

Mr. Pettyjohn made a motion to waive the 24-hour notification rule. Seconded by Ms. Applebaum. Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote. Mr. Pettyjohn moved that the 3 reading rule be suspended. Seconded by Ms. Applebaum. Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote. Mr. Pettyjohn moved that Resolution #09-08 be adopted. Seconded by Ms. Applebaum. RESOLUTION #09-08 was hereby adopted by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Safety

Student Councilwoman Michelle Otting read highlights from the February 2009 Police Department Report which is available for review. Ms. Otting also announced that the Deer Park Deli robbery case has been closed.

Public Works

Student Councilwoman Carly Powell reported that the City received a \$25,000 grant for a study of the Safe Routes to School Project, with the potential of obtaining up to \$250,000 more at no cost to the City.

Student Councilwoman Melissa Knueven reported that the City applied for three street projects from the economic stimulus money: Galbraith Road, Hemphill Way and Dalton Avenue. The Galbraith Road project was the only one approved at \$658,000. Ms. Knueven reported that Hamilton County contributed \$150,000 for the roadwork on Galbraith Road and Blue Ash Road.

Student Councilwoman Molly Proctor reported that the City joined with the City of Cincinnati in a bid to obtain 500 tons of salt for next winter.

City Officials

Student Law Director Patrick McCann announced that the current Law Director was appointed by the Mayor and that he is responsible for preparing or reviewing all contracts, bonds or other instruments where the City is concerned. Mr. McCann reported that the Law Director approves the forms of any legislation that is adopted by Council and serves as Prosecuting Attorney in Mayor's Court.

Student Treasurer Zach Mitchell stated that the position of the Treasurer was to maintain the financial figures for the City and to submit monthly reports to Council.

Student Auditor Brendan Ruddick stated that he was busy preparing the City's annual financial report for 2008.

Student Safety-Service Director Nicole Sheff reported that the Service Department has been busy plowing snow and ice, using about 200 tons of salt. Employee overtime is only being approved for emergency call-outs. Ms. Sheff announced that the Days in the Park Festival is scheduled for August 7-8, 2009. Ms. Sheff stated that there is a Public Hearing on the revision of the Deer Park Zoning Code on April 13, 2009 at 6:30 pm. Ms. Sheff reported that the newly hired police officers have completed their field training and are now assigned to patrol duties. Ms. Sheff announced that the City has been approved for a \$24,000 grant to study and enhance Safe Routes to Schools.

Student Mayor Jenn McAleer read a Proclamation from the office of the Mayor, declaring March 23, 2009 as Student Government Night.

Mayor Collins thanked all of the students, parents and residents for their participation in Student Government Night and hoped all would stay involved in the City's activities. He also recognized Mr. McCluggage for his many years of involvement and thanked ICRC for being there to record the evening's proceedings.

Without further business to be brought before Council at the time, Ms. Applebaum moved for adjournment. Seconded by Ms. Christerson. Motion passed by a unanimous voice-vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Pat McGoron,
President of Council

Laura Hughes,
Clerk of Council